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1 AN ACT Relating to Future Farmers of America license plates;
2 amending RCW 46.16.313, 46.16.233, and 46.16.290; adding a new section
3 to chapter 46.16 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 15.76 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The department, the Washington state patrol, and the Future Farmers
8 of America shall jointly create, design, and issue a special Future
9 Farmers of America license plate that may be used in lieu of regular or
10 personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two
11 motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under
12 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the
13 department. The special plates will observe the importance of farming
14 to Washington state and help fund programs and scholarships within the
15 Future Farmers of America organization and its chapters. The Future
16 Farmers of America may hold a contest among its membership to select
17 the initial design.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 15.76 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The Future Farmers of America license fees account is created in
4 the state treasury. All receipts from Future Farmers of America
5 license fees, less the administration and collection costs incurred by
6 the department under RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7) must be deposited into
7 the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
8 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for
9 programs and scholarships within the Future Farmers of America
10 organization and its chapters.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 15.76 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) On an annual basis, the Future Farmers of America shall select
14 programs and scholarships to be funded from the Future Farmers of
15 America license fees account proceeds. In selecting programs and
16 scholarship recipients, the Future Farmers of America shall attempt to
17 assure a geographical balance throughout the state and its chapters.

18 (2) The Future Farmers of America may adopt rules necessary to
19 implement this section. Adoption of rules does not make the
20 organization a state agency under chapter 34.05 RCW.

21 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special
24 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as
25 existing before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in
26 an amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the special
27 license plates and the administration of this program. Until December
28 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed thirty-five dollars, but effective
29 with vehicle registrations due or to become due on January 1, 1998, the
30 department may adjust the fee to no more than forty dollars. This fee
31 is in addition to all other fees required to register and license the
32 vehicle for which the plates have been requested. All such additional
33 special license plate fees collected by the department shall be
34 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

35 (2) ~~((Until December 31, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes
36 required to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal
37 registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a collegiate license~~

1 plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct
2 an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this
3 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.
4 The remaining proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be
5 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
6 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
7 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in
8 RCW 28B.10.890.

9 ~~(3) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on~~
10 ~~January 1, 1998,))~~ (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
11 paid upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder
12 of a collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
13 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
14 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
15 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
16 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
17 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
18 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in
19 RCW 28B.10.890.

20 ~~((4) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~
21 ~~January 1, 1999,))~~ (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
22 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a
23 collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The
24 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee
25 collected under this subsection for administration and collection
26 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to
27 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
28 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate
29 collegiate license plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

30 ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
31 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
32 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of
33 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
34 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
35 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
36 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
37 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
38 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
39 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary

1 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
2 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
3 to the state general fund.

4 ~~((6) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~
5 ~~January 1, 1999,))~~ (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
6 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a
7 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty
8 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
9 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
10 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
11 be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and
12 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball
13 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
14 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
15 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
16 to the state general fund.

17 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
18 January 1, 2002, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
19 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
20 Future Farmers of America license plate shall pay an initial fee of
21 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
22 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
23 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The department
24 shall remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state
25 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state
26 treasurer shall credit the funds to the Future Farmers of America
27 license fees account under section 2 of this act.

28 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
29 1, 2003, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
30 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a Future Farmers
31 of America license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The
32 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee
33 collected under this subsection for administration and collection
34 expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the remaining
35 proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
36 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
37 funds to the Future Farmers of America license fees account.

1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.233 and 2000 c 37 s 1 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Except for those license plates issued under RCW 46.16.305(1)
4 before January 1, 1987, under RCW 46.16.305(3), under section 1 of this
5 act, and to commercial vehicles with a gross weight in excess of
6 twenty-six thousand pounds, effective with vehicle registrations due or
7 to become due on January 1, 2001, all vehicle license plates must be
8 issued on a standard background, as designated by the department.
9 Additionally, to ensure maximum legibility and reflectivity, the
10 department shall periodically provide for the replacement of license
11 plates, except for commercial vehicles with a gross weight in excess of
12 twenty-six thousand pounds. Frequency of replacement shall be
13 established in accordance with empirical studies documenting the
14 longevity of the reflective materials used to make license plates.

15 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.16.290 and 1997 c 291 s 4 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 In any case of a valid sale or transfer of the ownership of any
18 vehicle, the right to the certificates properly transferable therewith,
19 except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, and to the vehicle license plates
20 passes to the purchaser or transferee. It is unlawful for the holder
21 of such certificates, except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, or vehicle
22 license plates to fail, neglect, or refuse to endorse the certificates
23 and deliver the vehicle license plates to the purchaser or transferee.
24 If the sale or transfer is of a vehicle licensed by the state or any
25 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision
26 entitled to exemption as provided by law, or, if the vehicle is
27 licensed with personalized plates, amateur radio operator plates, medal
28 of honor plates, disabled person plates, disabled veteran plates,
29 prisoner of war plates, Future Farmers of America plates, or other
30 special license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301 as it existed before
31 amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, the vehicle license
32 plates therefor shall be retained and may be displayed upon a vehicle
33 obtained in replacement of the vehicle so sold or transferred.

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